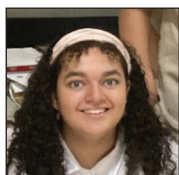




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## USDA Cuts Will Impact Fresh Food Availability at Greenbelt Distributions

by Bonnie Schrack

Last week, the News Review reported on sources of supplemental food available in Greenbelt for those whose budgets don't reach far enough. Since then, a worrisome development threatens to curtail the city's large monthly food distribution program that serves hundreds of individuals and draws residents to the Community Center and Franklin Park, and is delivered to Green Ridge House every third Thurs-

day. At the Community Center, a line of cars usually wraps around the parking lot, frequently stretching to Crescent and Southway. The Capital Area Food Bank (CAFB), which provides the fresh produce for the distributions, has informed Greenbelt that the city will be removed from the list of communities receiving monthly guaranteed produce deliveries

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PHOTO BY KIM TAE WALSH

Volunteers set up for a produce distribution in June 2023.

## ERHS Alum Tramell Tillman Shines in Apple TV+'s Severance

by Diya Shah

In Apple TV+'s critically acclaimed show *Severance*, Tramell Tillman plays Mr. Milchick, the (mostly) ever-smiling enforcer of workplace boundaries at Lumon Industries, where employees' memories are surgically severed between their work and personal lives. But there's no severing Greenbelt from Tillman's story. He's a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) class of 2003, but not many know that this breakout star has his roots in Greenbelt.

With his commanding presence and unnerving charm on screen, the actor quickly became a fan favorite with critics and audiences alike, taking viewers by storm with his show-stopping performance in the finale of *Severance*'s second season.

"My journey to acting started in Maryland," Tillman said in an interview with the newspaper *amNewYork* in

2022, describing how as a shy kid, his mother pushed him to perform in a Christmas play. That's when the acting bug bit – and never left – but Tillman's journey to viewer screens wasn't a straightforward one. After graduating from ERHS, he initially pursued higher education at Xavier University of Louisiana, intending to become an

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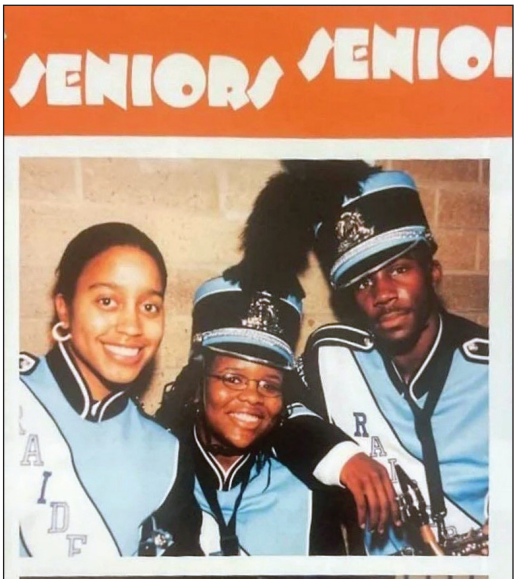


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Users on Reddit and Instagram shared this photo, probably from the 2003 ERHS yearbook showing Tillman, right, in marching band uniform.

## Social Justice Student Awards Draw Crowd, Public Figures

by Lois Rosado



PHOTO BY LOIS ROSADO

From left, Riley-Alicia Burton, Angel Adesoji, Angelina Akumkperik, Ashanti Martinez, Caroline Gyan, Girelys Tavarez Martinez, Kaliyah Fletcher, Ava Raines and Cheyenne Godfrey

Room 201 at the Community Center was buzzing with excitement as student winners with their families entered the room to participate in the Fourth Annual Social Justice Student Awards Ceremony sponsored by the Prince George's County Lynching Memorial Project (PGCLMP) and hosted by the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee. The excitement increased as more and more students, parents and community folks arrived and more chairs were set up.

Mayor Emmett Jordan was on hand for the fourth straight year. Joining him for the first time were State Senator Alonzo Washington, State Delegate Ashanti Martinez and County Council Member Jolene Ivey. All three representatives presented the contest winners with congratulatory citations for their achievements.

The ceremony was opened by Terry Hamlin and Sherri Mehta from PGCLMP, who served as program hosts, followed by greetings from Lois Rosado, chair of

the Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee. Rosado introduced Jordan, who thanked the PGCLMP and congratulated the students and their families. Lula Beatty provided attendees with background and history of the project's Social Justice Student Awards Contest and acknowledged the four racial terror lynching victims from Prince George's County: Thomas Juricks, 1869; John Henry Scott, 1875; Michael

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## City Votes to Change Retirement Plan Provider, Reducing Fees

by Matthew Arbach

On April 14 the Greenbelt City Council voted 6 to 1 in favor of transitioning the city employee retirement plan from the longtime use of MissionSquare to Nationwide, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts giving the dissenting vote. The city's long-standing broker NFP, a global benefits broker, represented by Andrew Prevost and Ray Reeves, met with council at this meeting to give the results of their effort to find the best deal possible

for employees, with Nationwide emerging as the front-runner in many areas. This decision impacts current employees primarily, as retirees are free to use any provider of their choice at any time, including MissionSquare.

In addition to MissionSquare and Nationwide, NFP initiated a bidding exchange with the fol-

lowing providers: Voya, Corebridge, Empower and Lincoln. After several exchanges, Nationwide offered a .02 percent fee for both the 457(b) and 401 plans, this being the lowest bid of them all, surpassing MissionSquare's final bid of .07 percent. This fee

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### What Goes On

Monday, May 12

7:30 p.m., City Council Meeting and Second Public Budget Hearing, Municipal Building

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession: Recognition Groups (Group 1), Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.

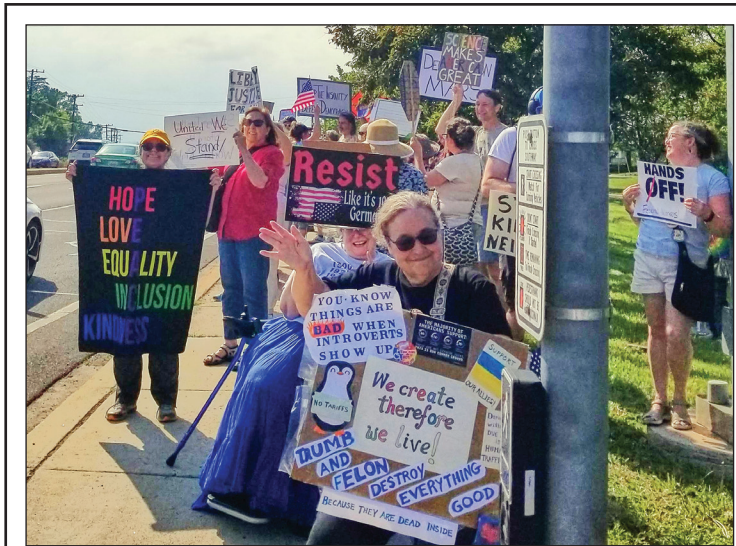


PHOTO BY CHRISTINE DORAN

Greenbelters rally at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Southway on May 1 to protest the recent executive orders and DOGE activities.



# Letters to the Editor

## Defend Institutions

Last Monday’s April Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café focused on films and discussion of three vital government agencies that have been shuttered or crippled in the recent waves of firings. A Greenbelter and just-fired 15-year employee of the U.S. Agency for International Development spoke about all the good work that organization did, such as immunizing one billion people against malaria, worldwide disaster relief and so much more. Many of our hardworking, dedicated Greenbelt neighbors and friends work or worked for

important U.S. government agencies and institutions. Many have been fired recently or live in fear that they will be next. These agencies and institutions they have been part of are vital to our country and the world in which we want to live. Dr. Timothy Snyder, in his best-selling book *On Tyranny*, gives 20 lessons on how to protect ourselves, our community and the country we want to have. *Defend Institutions* is his second lesson and we are well advised to do so, along with the other 19, at this perilous time.

Frank Gervasi

## Correction

In the April 24 issue the article about tree planting in GHI common areas underestimated the number of trees planted by the city’s Public Works Department. In the last 25 years that number is estimated to be 5,750.



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**A Nice Indian Boy**  
(NR) (2025) (99 mins)  
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Wed. 5:40 PM  
**Screen 2 - The Screening Room**  
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Sun. 2:45 PM  
Mon. 2:15 PM

**Mirai (PG) (2018) (98 mins)**  
Cinema Pop! Japanese with English subtitles  
**Screen 1 - Main Auditorium**  
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**Top Gun**  
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Cult Classic, Free trivia 7-8pm hosted by @thescreenbliss  
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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published). Letters may be edited for clarity, grammar, civility and space constraints. The News Review may add a comment from the editor if deemed necessary. All letters must include the letter writer's name, physical address, and telephone number. Only the name will be published; the News Review will consider requests for the name to be withheld.



## Local Composer with Orchestra

Young local composer Veronica Maidoh (pictured back center) dropped in to the Greenbelt Community Orchestra rehearsal on Tuesday, April 29 to work with the group on her new composition, *Journey to the Unknown*. The orchestra will give the world premiere of this piece at their concert on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT ORCHESTRA

## On Screen at Greenbelt Cinema

### Sinners

Trying to leave their troubled lives behind, twin brothers (Michael B. Jordan) return to their hometown to start again, only to discover that an even greater evil is waiting to welcome them back. Said critic Adam Kempenaar of FilmSpotting, “Sinners is a redemption movie, a revenge movie with elements of Blaxploitation, and certainly a red-blood-soaked horror movie; it’s also deeply romantic and has the rhythms and audaciousness of some of our boldest musicals.”

### Ain’t No Back to a Merry-Go-Round

Five Black students rode a segregated carousel in 1960, igniting one of the earliest organized interracial civil rights protests in U.S. history. The film is the untold story of the Jews they marched with, Nazis they provoked, Congressmen they inspired and Civil Rights leaders they became.

### A Nice Indian Boy

Cultures collide when an introverted doctor brings his white boyfriend home to meet his traditional East Indian family. Naveen Gavaskar (Karan Soni) is a soft-spoken doctor who falls in love with Jay Kurundkar (Jonathan Groff), a white man adopted by two Indian parents. After comic misunderstandings, frank fights and emotional revelations and reconciliations, they come together again to plan Naveen and Jay’s big, Indian wedding.

### Mirai

In this animated feature, a young boy named Kun feels forgotten by his family when his little sister Mirai arrives. Running away from home, Kun stumbles upon a magical garden that serves as a time-traveling gateway where he encounters his mother as a little girl and has a series of adventures with his baby sister who is all grown up, opening a new perspective on his world.

### Top Gun

The Top Gun Naval Fighter Weapons School is where the best of the best train to refine their elite flying skills. When hotshot fighter pilot Maverick (Tom Cruise) is sent to the school, his reckless attitude and cocky demeanor put him at odds with the other pilots, especially the cool and collected Iceman (Val Kilmer). But Maverick isn’t only competing to be the top fighter pilot, he’s also fighting for the attention of his beautiful flight instructor, Charlotte Blackwood (Kelly McGillis).

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Greenbelt Library’s regular hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

### Pre-K Story Hour/Hora de Cuentos de Prekinder

Friday, May 9, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5, at the Springhill Lake Community Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Enjoy the wonderful world of storytelling. Friends and family welcome! Ven y disfruta del maravilloso mundo de contar cuentos, Amigos y familiares son bienvenidos. Hosted by Greenbelt Library staff and Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK). Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13249025](http://pgcmls.info/event/13249025).

### Storytimes

Friday, May 9, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13262293](http://pgcmls.info/event/13262293).

Wednesday, May 14, 12:15 p.m. ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13262083](http://pgcmls.info/event/13262083).

Thursday, May 15, 10:15 a.m. ages newborn to 2. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13262209](http://pgcmls.info/event/13262209).

### Bibliobop Dance Party

Saturday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. ages newborn to 5. Bust a move and shake the sillies out. Bring parents or caregivers and prepare to boogie and bop. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13262358](http://pgcmls.info/event/13262358).

### Ride and Read

Thursday, May 15, 11 a.m., ages 16+ (adult). Get some physical activity while at the library. Sign up for an hour ride on one of the library’s stationary bikes with free apps from PGCMLS like Libby, Kanopy and Hoopla to enjoy while working out. Participants must be 16 or older, sign a waiver before beginning to ride and be wearing loose-fitting clothing and closed-toed shoes. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/13236519](http://pgcmls.info/event/13236519).

### Virtual Events

PGCMLS continues to offer virtual events for the public. The schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events).

### Passport Services

Greenbelt Library serves as a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment only; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting [pgcmls.info/passport-services](http://pgcmls.info/passport-services).

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Make Shadow Puppets

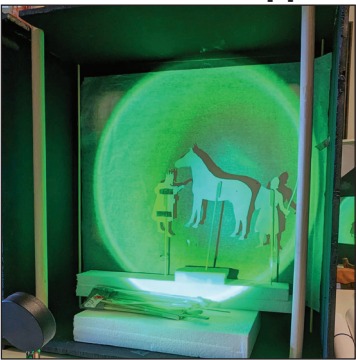


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### Shadow puppets

Join instructor Ali Everett for an all-ages Friends and Family Workshop this Friday, May 9 at 6 p.m. Using some simple craft materials, participants will create their own original puppets and perform a short scene using a “crankie” puppet theater.

The workshop is hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program at the Community Center. For more information and to register, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts).

## Indoor Yard Sale Benefits GVFD

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD) Ladies Auxiliary is having an Indoor Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the firehouse at 125 Crescent Road. Those interested can reserve a table for a fee. For further information call Kathy at 301-474-4372. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. The event is handicapped accessible.

## Chess Club Meetings for May

The Greenbelt Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays, May 13, May 20 and May 27. The meetings take place at the Youth Center from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. The club welcomes people of all ages and skill levels. To be added to the mailing list, visit [tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m](http://tinyurl.com/ycy2nz4m) and complete the brief form. Email questions to [greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltchessclub@gmail.com).

## Yarn Donations Needed

Gifts from the Heart is a group of knitters and crocheters who meet Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. Every year they donate hundreds of hats, scarves, shawls, blankets, walker bags and baby items to schools, churches, nursing homes, Project Linus and other organizations. Donations of acrylic yarn are welcome and may be dropped off when the group meets or at the Community Center office during business hours.

## Greenbelt Orchestra Free Concert at ERHS

Greenbelt Community Orchestra will give a free concert on Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, in collaboration with the ERHS band program. The orchestra will play movements from Beethoven’s Symphony #7, overtures by Gabriel Fauré and Emilie Mayer (called the female Beethoven), and the world premiere of Journey to the Unknown by Veronica Maidoh. There will also be performances by small ensembles from the ERHS band program in collaboration with members of the orchestra. For more information, visit [greenbeltorchestra.org](http://greenbeltorchestra.org).

## Greenbelt Concert Band Celebrates Greenbelt

Enjoy a dynamic performance featuring a variety of musical styles that celebrate the spirit of Greenbelt in a concert for the community on Sunday, June 8 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

While the concert is free, donations to the Greenbelt Concert Band, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, are tax deductible and help the band to continue bringing quality music to the community.

For more information, visit [greenbeltconcertband.org](http://greenbeltconcertband.org).

## Writers Group Meets On Friday, May 16

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Writers Group will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16 in the Community Center. All interested writers are welcome. Open readings will be held and members will participate in a spontaneous writing exercise. The suggested writing project from April, a short submission about three people or items that have made an impression on your life, may be read at the May or June meeting. For more information, email Barbara Ford at [barb.ford@comcast.net](mailto:barb.ford@comcast.net).

## More Spray Paint Fun At Artful Afternoon



PHOTO BY ADAM CAMPANILE

### Spray painting

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to enjoy a free Artful Afternoon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Sunday, May 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Join artist Shaymar Higgs of The SPACE to spray paint colorful, vibrant canvases using stencils and found objects. Guests are encouraged to sign up in advance at [sugeni.us/VGWP](http://sugeni.us/VGWP). Walk-ins are also welcome while supplies last. Artful Afternoons are an ongoing, twice-monthly series. For information about more Greenbelt arts programs, visit [greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltmd.gov/arts). Programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## Golden Age Club May Schedule

The Golden Age Club meets on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

May 14: Presentation by Nichole Ruffin about Essences. Nichole has previously led a seated yoga class for the club. She has her own business where she gives massages, sells essences and holds yoga classes, all to promote healthy living.

May 21: Birthday celebration honoring those with birthdays in April and May. Bring snacks to share.

May 28: Bingo



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**Mishkan Torah Invites All to Fun Day May 18**

Mishkan Torah invites the community to join them on Sunday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for a Lag B’Omer Fun and Field Day celebration. Enjoy a vegetarian picnic, family-friendly activities and a festive atmosphere – rain or shine. Sign up on the synagogue’s website by Friday, May 16, and email questions to [RSVP@MishkanTorah.org](mailto:RSVP@MishkanTorah.org).

**Friday, May 9 Is Next Local Blood Drive**

Greenbelt Recreation is holding a blood drive on Friday, May 9 at the Community Center. Sign up at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive). Search zip code 20770 under Find a Drive. Appointment times fill up fast and walk-ins may be turned away.

**Contemporary Photos At Community Center**

Through June 12, discover eight contemporary photos interspersed among the historic photos of Greenbelt in the first-floor halls of the Community Center. These images comprise the “Invisible City” project by Danielle Towers, who was a photojournalism student at the Corcoran School of Arts and Design when she made the photos in the spring of 2024. Towers describes her work as oscillating “in the space between change and permanence, the ideal and the real.”

**GARF Donation Drive Runs Through May 17**

The Greenbelt Alliance for Reproductive Freedom (GARF) is holding its fourth bra and menstrual product donation drive through Saturday, May 17. This year the city’s Pink Pantry Project, a program of Greenbelt Assistance in Living, will receive the donated menstrual products. The nonprofit I Support the Girls will receive the bras. New and/or gently used bras of any size or type and new sealed menstrual products will be accepted. Large pads with wings are the period product in highest demand. Gently used means clean, no large stains, broken clasps or straps, holes, stretched out elastic, smoke smell even after washing, missing underwire or underwire poking through. Other items such as period panties, menstrual cups and new underpants in unopened packages are also needed. GARF will be on the Co-op Supermarket ramp on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to receive donations. Donations can also be dropped in bins at the Co-op Supermarket, Aquatic & Fitness Center, Youth Center and Community Center throughout the drive until May 17. For more information, email [greenbeltarf@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltarf@gmail.com).



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# Obituaries

## June McEvoy



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### June Anne McEvoy

The McEvoy family announces that their mother, June Anne McEvoy, née Patterson, died peacefully at the age of 96 on April 13, 2025. June was born on June 16, 1928, in Manhattan, N.Y. to the late Fred and Catherine Patterson. She moved to Greenbelt with her husband, Hugh McEvoy, in 1966, where they raised three children. June was a devout Catholic who received considerable strength from

her faith. She led a life devoted to her family, with many happy years in Greenbelt as a member of St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. She loved travel and enjoyed visiting lands far and wide with her husband. In 2000, June moved away from Greenbelt to a nursing home.

June was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh McEvoy, after 44 years of joyful marriage. She is survived by her four children, Jim McEvoy (Sue), Kathleen Killevy (Gene), Mary Ellen Axenfeld (Dale) and Maureen Roden (Richard); 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her cousin Mary Jacoboski.

A memorial mass to honor the life of June McEvoy will be held at St. Hugh’s Church on Thursday, May 22 at 11 a.m. The service is open to friends and family who would like to pay their respects. A celebration of her life will follow the service in Severna Park. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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Condolences to the family and friends of June McEvoy. She will be fondly remembered by the friends and neighbors she touched during over 30 years in Greenbelt and especially by the St. Hugh’s community.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt Middle School math scholars who performed so well in the PGCPs fifth annual math meet.

Happy 97th birthday to John Henry Jones.

During Teacher Appreciation Week we want to express our gratitude to the Greenbelt teachers for the important work they do.

Sincere thanks to this spring’s News Review interns, Ryan Colasanti and Diya Shah. Ryan will graduate from the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland this month.

Send details of your news to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

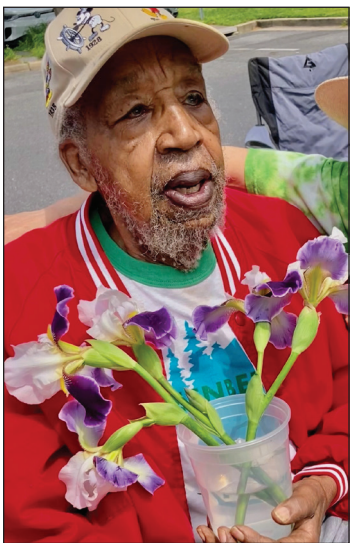



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**Happy 97th birthday to John Henry Jones, shown here at the garden club plant sale on Saturday, May 3.**

“It is not for him to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the whole world.”  
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Streaming on PBUUC’s Facebook page, on Zoom, and in person. Worship service held at University Christian Church, 6800 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD





# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 12 at 7:30 pm

### ORGANIZATION

Call to Order  
Roll Call  
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
**Reading of the Greenbelt Community Pledge**  
Petitions and Requests  
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \*] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)  
Approval of Agenda and Additions

### COMMUNICATIONS

**Presentations**  
- **Memorial Day Poppy Presentation**  
- **Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Grant Award Presentation**  
- **Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month**  
- **Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation**  
\* **Minutes**  
**Administrative Reports**  
\* **Committee Reports**

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution in Support of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion;  
-1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Acceptance of Report and Results of 2023 Community Questionnaire  
- Approval of the Buddy Attick Master Plan  
- FY2026 Program Open Space Annual Program  
- Fleet and Equipment Electrification Plan  
- Authorization for the City Manager to Approve Camera Trailer Contract  
- Authorization for City Manager to Approve Speed Camera Contract  
- Award of Contract - Indian Creek Park Master Plan  
- Maryland Municipal League (MML) 2025 Legislative Action Requests (LAR)  
- Council Activities  
- Council Reports  
\* Meetings  
\* Stakeholders  
\* Resignation/Appointment to Advisory Board  
\* Springhill Lake Recreation Center - Tile Floor Replacement

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*This agenda is subject to change. For the most up-to-date agenda, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipalTV) or call (301) 474-8000.*

## MEETINGS FOR MAY 12-16

Monday, May 12 at 7:30 pm, **REGULAR MEETING & 2ND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING**

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - RECOGNITION GROUPS (GROUP 1)**

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## JOIN THE CHARTER REVIEW TASKFORCE

Are you passionate about shaping the future of our city? Do you want to have a say in how our local government operates? Now is your chance to make a difference!

The City of Greenbelt is forming a Charter Review Task Force to evaluate and recommend changes to our city's charter. We are looking for dedicated residents who are eager to contribute their time and expertise to this important process.

Submit an application at the following link: <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/boards-committees/application-for-appointment-to-boards-and-committees>.

For more information or to apply, please contact City Clerk at [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov) or (301) 474-3870.

## RFP: HANOVER PARKWAY BIKEWAY FACILITY 90% ENGINEERING DESIGN PLAN

Close date: May 30 at 3 pm

The City of Greenbelt ("Owner") requests proposals from qualified civil engineering professionals ("Consultant") for the preparation of 90% engineered design of the Hanover Parkway Bikeway Facility project for the future construction of an off-street bikeway facility along a 1.9-mile corridor on Hanover Parkway.

Please provide an electronic and original hard copy to:

Ryan Sigworth, AICP, Community Planner II  
Department of Planning and Community Development  
15 Crescent Road, Ste. 200, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
[sigworth@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:sigworth@greenbeltmd.gov), (240) 542-2042

All requests for clarifications or additional information related to this Request for Proposal (RFP) must be submitted in writing (via email) by May 1, 2025 and directed to Ryan Sigworth AICP, Community Planner II, at [rsigworth@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rsigworth@greenbeltmd.gov).

All answers will be provided in writing and posted on the City's website on or before May 16, 2025.

[View the RFP at Hanover Parkway Bikeway Facility 90% Engineering Design RFP](#)

View the existing 30% engineered design plan at Appendices and 30% Engineered Design Plan.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:30 pm

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY2025-2026

#### REVENUES

Taxes & Special Assessments	\$31,883,700
Licenses & Permits	1,328,400
Intergovernmental	1,528,800
Interest	300,000
Charges for Services	2,496,600
Fines & Forfeitures	519,000
Miscellaneous (Public Arts & Economic Development)	333,400
Fund Transfers	1,831,700
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$40,221,600</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$5,394,400
Planning and Community Development	1,403,700
Public Safety	13,162,600
Public Works	4,793,600
Greenbelt CARES	1,591,400
Recreation and Parks	8,465,000
Miscellaneous	470,100
Non-Departmental	1,897,000
Fund Transfers	3,038,100
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$40,215,900</b>

#### PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Cemetery Fund	\$0
Debt Service Fund	1,053,400
Replacement Funds	1,231,500
Special Projects Fund	820,200
Enterprise Fund – Green Ridge House	1,800,700
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$4,905,800</b>

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,954,760
Building Capital Reserve Fund	1,982,500
Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund	3,245,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	230,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,412,260</b>

The Public Hearing will be held in person at the Municipal Building and virtual via Zoom. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All residents of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire proposed budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any person, please call (301) 474-8000 or e-mail the City Clerk at [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov) no later than 10 am on the meeting day. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., during normal operating hours. The proposed budget is also posted on the City website at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. For more information, please call (301) 474-8000.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

**The Public Hearing will be broadcast live on Comcast Channel 71, Verizon Channel 21, YouTube, and Facebook.**

## BIKE TO WORK DAY 2025 REGISTRATION OPEN!

Bike to Work Day is **Thursday, May 15, 2025**. Join us at more than 100 pit stops in DC, MD, and VA for this FREE event for a fun and healthy way to start your day. The first 18,000 who register and attend at a pit stop receive a FREE T-shirt. Free giveaways, food, and beverages at participating locations, while supplies last.

Register at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org).



## GREENBELT JOB FAIR

Saturday, May 17 12-3 pm

*Beltway Plaza Mall (Near the old T.J. Maxx), 6000 Greenbelt Rd*

Join us for our semi-annual Greenbelt Job Fair! Learn about the latest job opportunities, connect with local employers, and get access to a variety of employment resources and training.

Contact Deji Ayoku for more information or to register your business for the Job Fair by emailing [dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dayoku@greenbeltmd.gov).

## FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

### UPCOMING PRODUCE DISTRIBUTIONS

THURSDAYS: MAY 15, JUNE 19, JULY 17

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Lower Parking Lot:** 1 - 3 pm, while supplies last. Open to all Greenbelt residents. **Must have a registration card** via Brendy Garcia Maddox at (240) 424-0302 or [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center:** Registration required. For Greenbelt West residents only. Register via email [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).

## GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/calendar).



## ARTS HAPPENINGS

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) for more information and many other opportunities!

**FREE Artful Afternoons.** Sunday, 5/11, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 1:30-2:30 pm. All ages welcome! Spray paint imaginative and fun pieces by layering textures and shapes with artist Shaymar Higgs of The SPACE. Walk-ups also welcome as space and supplies permit.

**Choreography Club Performance!** Friday, 5/23, Greenbelt Community Center, 3pm. Aspiring young choreographers have produced a delightful program for you to enjoy! The performance is costumed and choreographed by members of the Club. Reservations not required.

### MORE ARTS IN MAY

- Pet Portraits Painting Class, 5/9 & 5/16, Greenbelt Community Center
- Flower Felting Workshop, 5/18 & 5/25

## COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Volunteering for City of Greenbelt Committees & Boards is an excellent opportunity to engage with your community and make a difference. Choose from a number of committees & boards such as the **Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Committee on Trees, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Community Relations Advisory Board, Ethics Commission, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, or Youth Advisory Committee** and make a difference in Greenbelt!

Take the first step towards making a positive impact and apply for one of these committee vacancies today!

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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

In the City of Greenbelt, we remain committed to embracing and celebrating the diversity of all. As our nation undergoes change, feelings of pride, uncertainty, and even fear may arise. Yet, we stand firm in the pledge that has defined Greenbelt since its inception and will not falter.

Community Pledge:  
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Learn more at <https://www.greenbeltmd.gov/government/known-your-rights-immigration-resources>.

## SENIOR DRIVER SAFETY & MOBILITY SEMINAR

**Wednesday, May 21, 10-11 am**  
*Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd*

The session will be led by Kurt Gray, a traffic safety expert with 20 years of experience in driver education. He'll discuss common driving challenges faced by older adults and offer practical strategies to help them stay safe behind the wheel.

To register, call (202) 670-6497.

## FREE WEBINAR SERIES

*Presented by DFA Northern Prince George's County & Greenbelt CARES*

**May 8:** Long Term Care Planning with Mark Gottlieb

**May 22:** 3 Key Steps in Empowered Dementia Care with Debra James

**June 12:** Diagnosis Dementia: Now What? with Melissa Long

Contact Brendy Garcia at (202) 670-6497 or [bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bgarcia@greenbeltmd.gov).



# It's Not always about the Food

by Christopher Irwin

At St. Hugh's Catholic Church, this year's April 1 was less about pranking and more about thanking as church members came together to recognize and celebrate the parish's namesake, St. Hugh of Grenoble. Dozens of participants feasted on the wide range of delicacies that were provided by the diverse congregation of the parish. In fact, the food was such a hit that, at event's end, there was very little evidence left to indicate that any food had even been there at all.

Yet, like so many of the gatherings at St. Hugh's, the refreshments took a backseat to the sense of community and fellowship that was manifested. Friends, families and children, young and old, seemed to crowd every available nook and cranny of Grenoble Hall as everyone celebrated the character of the man for whom the church was named. St. Hugh of Grenoble was well known for his inspired preaching and his generosity to the poor. This same spirit of generosity was on full display as the event welcomed people from many different backgrounds and walks of life who gathered together to share their food, their cultures and their affection for one another.

Herb Hille, who is not a resident of Greenbelt, was informed of the event by his nephew. "My ... opinion of the parish has been one of being charmed by the open greeting friendliness, welcoming nature of all involved ... the cheerfulness was a great



Parishioners enjoy the feast.

PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER IRWIN

topping." Also attending the celebration were Jessica and Isidoro Garcia who, like Hille, are not current Greenbelt residents. Expressing their appreciation for the occasion, Jessica stated, "Parishioners, and I mean everyone, put effort into preparing and serving [this] big spread and variety of international food and the room is set up as always. A great way of socializing and reconnecting with our pastor and with parishioners."

When asked how the diversity of this event relates to recent efforts to downplay inclusion in

current society, Hille responded, "Events like this, however seemingly small, are a salvation from the current trend of spreading callous, mean-spirited, uncaring, cruel indifference."

It is known that St. Hugh of Grenoble was loved by the poor and disliked by the nobility of his day. He spent his life attending to the needs of others. This celebration could be seen as an opportunity for all who attended to follow his example, exercising an attitude that is very much needed in our community today.



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A garden of hyacinth in the Lakeside neighborhood



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# School News

## AWARDS continued from page 1

Green, 1878; and Stephen Williams, 1894. The Social Justice contest is a concrete way to honor their memories.

**Essay Contest Winners**  
Caroline Gyan of Frederick Douglass High School won third place with her essay, *Veil of Injustice: The Erasure*. She read from her essay about the terrible experiments that were practiced by Dr. J. Marion Sims on enslaved Black women without any form of anesthesia and who perpetuated the idea that women of African descent do not feel pain the way European-descended women do. Sims' work was later considered a form of racial torture. Gyan also described the Tuskegee experiment on Black American men who were infected with syphilis and watched to determine how the disease progressed in humans. They were never given penicillin, an effective cure at the time. This experiment led to a major distrust of the medical establishment in the African American community that persists to this day. She also wrote about current maternal health disparities leading to high death rates among Black American women.

Devin Bond, who tied for third place, and second place winner Zyon Lawson were not able to attend.

Girelys Tavarez Ramirez, of Chesapeake Math and IT (CMIT) Academy North High School won first place with *From Chains to Denial: The Hidden Cost of Colonialism in the Dominican Republic*. She read her essay about how colonialism produced racial, social and economic barriers for African-descended peoples in the Dominican Republic, as well as in the United States, all stemming from systems of colonialism and slavery. She described how the descendants of black-skinned Dominicans and Haitians are disenfranchised and even deported to Haiti. European-descended people and those more fair-skinned are treated with deference in both countries and it all stems from the vestiges of colonial racist practices and policies.

**Creative Writing/Spoken Word Winners**  
Ava Raines of Eleanor Roosevelt High School won third place with *Parties Unknown* and recited her powerful poem about how racial terror lynchings are described by the fact that parties/perpetrators who lynch the victims were always "unknown."

Kaliyah Fletcher of Frederick Douglass High School won second place with *The Strength in Our Strike* and recited her poem about honoring African ancestors, maintaining dignity in the face of injustice and always striding with pride and aspiring toward excellence. It was very moving.

Cheyenne M. Godfrey of Eleanor Roosevelt High School won first place with *Fields of Greed*. Godfrey recited a passionate poem that produced great emotion in the audience about hope in the midst of constant despair and anti-Blackness practices that tear at the soul, yet will not break it.

**Visual Arts Winners**  
Riley-Alicia Burton of Charles Herbert Flowers High School took third place with *Never For-*

*gotten*. Angelina Akumkperik of Charles Herbert Flowers High School took second place with *Latasha Harlins*.

Angel Adesoji of CMIT Academy North High School took first place with *Intercepting Fingers*. Unfortunately, the paintings were not present. However, each painter described their work and while their descriptions made it possible to imagine the works, being able to see the paintings would have helped. The paintings will be shown on the PGCLMP website, [pgclmp.org](http://pgclmp.org).

**Inspiration**  
Tavarez Ramirez stated that she was inspired to learn more about the history of the Dominican Republic after visiting with her family and noticing how people with darker skin tones were treated disrespectfully in the country. She wanted to learn more and did the research, producing an award-winning essay. Fletcher said what influenced her poem was the racial injustice that she witnesses and the fact that Black Americans seem to be arrested more than any other group of Americans, and many are innocent of any crime.

Gyan was inspired by the book *Medical Apartheid* and the stories of her mother and family who work in the medical field.

This was a well-attended program, with over 60 people present. The audience left inspired by the excellent work of these students and their parents.



### DKFI Symphonic Band

On March 20, the Dora Kennedy French Immersion (DKFI) Symphonic Band participated in the Prince George's County Public Schools large ensemble performances at Northwestern High School. The DKFI Symphonic Band is pictured on stage with their director, Yusufamir Fenwick.

PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

## Greenbelt Middle Racks Up Awards at Annual Math Meet

by Elizabeth Twedt

It was exhilarating to sit in the section for Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) at the Prince George's County Public Schools Middle Grades Math Meet on Saturday afternoon, April 26. Several of us proud parents were surrounded by GMS students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades who had spent the morning completing four different challenges in a competition that included around 13 middle schools from the area. As a math lover myself, I was thrilled to be among these students who had chosen to spend the beginning of their weekend exercising their brain and creativity with their fellow math enthusiasts. The GMS teams won several awards and all the students I



**Math 6 - 1st Place.** From left, 1st row: Myrna Natividad (coach/math teacher), Jonah Dumeny, Braylon Goldmon and Dr. Helen Zuno (assist. coach); 2nd row: Christian Jimenez, Michael Ayden Onuma and Oliver Van-Steenberge

asked reported enjoying the event immensely. *Elizabeth Twedt is the mother of one of the GMS mathematicians.*



**Accelerated 2 - 1st Place.** From left, Miya Windom (Math Resource Teacher), Michelle Dyson (MS Math Supervisor), Fadheela Adeniyi, Braden Asagaya, Jaden Asagaya, Benjamin Twedt, Beny Sardineta, Theophilos Larsen, Eric Voorhies (coach/math teacher) and Beyunka Scates (Math Instructional Specialist)

- Photos courtesy Myrna Natividad

**Greenbelt Middle School's Math Teams**  
Math 6- 1st Place: Jonah Dumeny, Christian Jimenez, Oliver Van-Steenberge, Braylon Goldmon, Michael Ayden Onuma  
Accelerated 1 Team A- 3rd Place: Hannah Shi, Tahora Mohammadi, Emmanuel Eskinidir, Leonardo Carino-Aguado, Adrian Cruz, Abel Solomon  
Accelerated 1 Team B- 1st Place: Harjas Kaur, Veraelizabeth Berzuela, Paolino Delgado, Safwan Choudhury, Avant McDade, Lidia Kelemu  
Accelerated 2 Team 2- 1st Place: Fadheela Adeniyi, Braden Asagaya, Jaden Asagaya, Theophilos Larsen, Beny Sardineta, Benjamin Twedt  
Algebra/Geometry - 1st Place: Brian Nguyen, Robert Said, Evan Nwaddibia, Ronak Verma, Allen Bui, Mason Romero  
Coaches were Myrna Natividad (Math 6 & Accelerated 1), Eric Voorhies (Accelerated 2) and Yongsul Cho (Algebra/Geometry).  
Supporting Coaches: Andrew Barrett, Dr. Helen Zuno, Dr. Gonzalo Pitpit, Manuela Pagunsan, Carlos Pugh  
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Volunteers work at a produce distribution in June 2023.

beginning July 1. At last week’s budget worksession, Mayor Emmett Jordan called the news “extremely alarming.” However, despite the cuts in CAFB support, monthly food distributions by the city will continue.

As reported in the News Review this past November (see November 28, 2024, issue), each month a large refrigerator truck brings produce and frozen food from CAFB to the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) office in the Community Center, which is part of the Greenbelt CARES social services program. The food transported to Springhill Lake and Green Ridge House is limited by the amount that can fit into the city van. This delivery also supports those who are unable to leave their homes. It’s a program that’s been ongoing for over 20 years and, in November, Katherine Farzin, GAIL outreach coordinator, told the News Review their program was constantly growing.

CAFB depends on U.S. Department of Agriculture programs supplying healthy food to communities across the country. This spring, those programs have been cut by \$1 billion by the Trump administration, and these huge reductions in funding are causing serious strains on the nation’s food banks at a time when the need for food assistance has soared and is expected to rise over the coming year.

The city recently received a letter from CAFB informing it of the difficult decision to remove Greenbelt from their list of monthly guaranteed produce deliveries. Those deliveries typically included two pallets with a total of 3,500 to 4,000 pounds of produce, according to Christal Batey, assistant director of CARES and GAIL. Now that the amount of produce available to CAFB is so much less, they have had to prioritize its distribution to communities that cannot afford to provide other sources of food for their residents, explained Batey.

After June, the city will continue to purchase nonperishable

foods for distribution, and a limited amount of fresh produce, subject to availability, will also come from CAFB. The city will not have to pay for that fresh produce but it will have to navigate a challenging new system requiring what produce is available to CAFB to be ordered by the pallet during a specific time window, selecting from among the limited number of pallets. There is a new limit of 2,000 pounds of produce, approximately half of what Greenbelt has been accustomed to, which realistically won’t allow more than one pallet to be ordered. Staff will strive to provide as much as possible, but there is no guarantee of what will be available in a given month, said Batey.

Many Greenbelt households depend on these food resources. In April, 212 households were served, including 517 individuals. One hundred and one households were served out of the GAIL offices in the center of Greenbelt as part of the central drive-up distribution, 50 households received food in Franklin Park, 44 at Green Ridge House and 17 people received food delivered to their homes. Batey will be keeping track of how changes to the economy are reflected in the demand for food assistance.

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is collected quarterly, according to Human Resources Department head Dawane Martinez.

In a subsequent interview with the News Review, Martinez explained other advantages of using Nationwide as, he said, it offers “a more robust investment lineup and a 60 percent investment cost savings to city employees. Additionally, Nationwide’s loan fees and other transaction fees are less expensive than MissionSquare.”

At the meeting, City Manager Josué Salmerón explained that Nationwide also offers attractive services, including technology assistance, a mobile app and data

security. Martinez and Salmerón said that the proposal of a shift to Nationwide received unanimous favorable support from current employees.

Retirees Di Quynn Reno and Celia Craze, both at the meeting and in separate interviews with the News Review, felt that the city was perhaps hasty in making this decision, as there didn’t seem to have been enough time for employees to properly consider the ramifications of the change and for MissionSquare to make an additional appeal to the city. Both have had a positive experi-

ence with MissionSquare. Prevost understood the need for an informed decision, but stated that any more time spent on this decision could mean significant cost for employees and retirees. As the change will not take effect until August 5, Prevost, Martinez and Salmerón all felt that there was ample time to properly train participants on the new provider.

After a discussion on possibly waiting until the next meeting to vote, council largely felt that enough time and effort had gone into this to make a proper decision, citing the lack of any negative feedback from employees.

In later interviews, Mayor Emmett Jordan felt that the decision “was in the best interest of the city’s employees.” Councilmember Amy Knesel noted the “substantial fee reduction and access to an expanded investment portfolio through Nationwide.” Both emphasized the freedom for retirees to stay with MissionSquare, if they choose.

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orthopedic surgeon, before transferring to Jackson State University and graduating with a communications degree. After working for a few years in education supporting children affected by Hurricane Katrina, Tillman decided to pursue a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Since 2014, Tillman has lived in New York City, balancing side jobs while booking roles on the stage and screen. Until now, Tillman’s name has been relatively unknown, but the cultural phenomenon that Severance has become is quickly changing things. Directed by Ben Stiller, the show is Apple TV+’s most popular ever, breaking streaming records and continuing to gain traction in the wake of the second season’s completion.

Viewers who are familiar with the show know how Tillman’s character of Mr. Milchick danced his way into our hearts in the first season. But in the second season’s finale, Tillman once again steals the screen, this time leading a full marching band down Lumon’s eerie, glowing hallways in one of the show’s most striking and surreal moments.

His captivating and memorable performance in that drum major role might be thanks to the fact that Tillman has had some experience on that front. During his time at ERHS, Tillman played the saxophone in the Raider Marching Band, an experience that truly makes his grand finale sequence a full-circle moment.

“When I learned he went to my high school, it was mind-blowing,” said Pritha Zaheen, a 2021 graduate of ERHS and current student at the University of Maryland. “I bet he was encouraged by the theater team here,” she said. “Our theater teachers and program were really supportive and nice, so I’m sure he had a good experience at Roosevelt.”

While his rise may have flown under the radar for some in Greenbelt, Tillman’s performance has sparked recognition and pride among those who now realize the connection. And as Severance continues to draw viewers in with its thought-provoking plot and stellar acting, Greenbelt can count one of television’s most intriguing stars among its own.

*Diya Shah is a student at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism writing for the Greenbelt News Review.*

Award-Winning Film OnStreetArtistTMNK

On Saturday, May 31 at 1 p.m. the Greenbelt Cinema will host a screening of Nobody Was Here: The Life of TMNK. This powerful documentary explores the life and artistry of TMNK (The Me Nobody Knows), a former advertising marketing professional who left behind corporate success to become a renowned street artist.

Through rare footage, in-depth interviews and a compelling visual narrative, the film delves into TMNK’s evolution as an artist, his struggles and the profound impact of his work. More than just a documentary, Nobody Was Here is a tribute to creative freedom, resilience and the transformative power of art. The award-winning director, Rico James, currently living in Miami, is originally from Silver Spring and graduated from Howard University.

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**Incident Summary**  
Greenbelt Police reported one death and four mental health diversions, one involving attempted suicide. On May 4 near 6000 Greenbelt Road, an unregistered firearm was found in the women's bathroom.

**Shooting**  
On May 3 at 10:33 p.m. near 5807 Cherrywood Lane, a man was approached by six men, and one he knew shot at him.

**Robbery/Assault**  
On April 30 at 3:06 p.m. near 7601 Hanover Parkway, a man was approached by a group of six or seven individuals saying "dine-ro." He was hit in the mouth and his bag was taken.

**Assault**  
On April 30 at 12:50 p.m. near 9230 Springhill Lane, a former employee struck a man with a closed fist. The man was given a warrant form.

**Fights**  
On May 1 at 3:35 p.m. near 7600 Hanover Parkway, a juvenile was approached by another juvenile and asked if they wanted to fight. They mutually agreed.

On May 3 at 9:43 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a suspect assaulted two people and left the scene.

**Theft**  
On April 28 at 2:11 p.m. near 7429 Greenbelt Road, a man dressed in gray and black stole multiple clothing items.

On May 1 at 10:44 p.m. near 7607 Greenbelt Road, four people came in, and one fled with merchandise.

On May 2 at 11:27 a.m. near 7455 Greenbelt Road, an officer found stolen items inside the backpack of a known shoplifter; the items were returned.

## Kids Discovery Center At Patuxent Refuge

The Discovery Center at the Patuxent Research Refuge offers learning activities and crafts for children ages 3 to 10 with an adult, Wednesdays through Saturdays except on federal holidays. Sessions start at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, lasting 35 minutes. May's theme is Bees and Wasps.

Registration is strongly recommended. Call 301-497-5760. Visit [fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research/patuxent-visitor-center](https://fws.gov/refuge/patuxent-research/patuxent-visitor-center) for more information.



On May 2 at 2:47 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, a man passed all points of sale with items belonging to the store; all items were recovered.

On May 2 at 3:42 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, two suspects stole items.

**Vandalism**  
On April 28 near 6156 Springhill Terrace, a sliding glass door was shattered in an apartment unit but nothing was out of place.

**Vehicle Crimes Stolen Vehicle**  
On May 2 near 7913 Mandan Road, a 2017 blue Volkswagen sedan (Md. 1EY5628) was stolen.

**Theft from Auto**  
Rear license plates were stolen, on May 2 near 5813 Cherrywood Terrace (T2257703), and on May 3 near 6000 Springhill Drive from a 2013 Acura TSX (Md. 3EY7431).

On April 30 near 7801 Mandan Road, a window was broken and items stolen from a 2018 Toyota RAV4; near 6400 Ivy Lane, a car was broken into and items taken.

On May 2 near 7811 Mandan Road, all four tires and rims were stolen from a 2025 Toyota Camry.

**Vandalism to Auto**  
On April 30 near 6400 Ivy Lane, a 2015 Mercedes had a broken window and the center console was damaged.

On May 3 near 5917 Cherrywood Lane, the ignition and door were damaged on a 2000 Chevy Silverado.

On May 4 near 7810 Walker Drive, the door handle on a 2021 Mercedes GLE was damaged; near 7503 Mandan Road, an officer observed multiple vehicle windows broken and left case numbers for reference.

# UMD Senate Votes to Join Big Ten Defense against Federal Intrusion

by Diya Shah

On April 24, the University of Maryland (UMD) Senate voted overwhelmingly to support joining a coalition of Big Ten universities forming a "mutual defense compact" – an initiative aimed at protecting academic freedom and institutional integrity from what faculty members say are increasing threats by the Trump administration.

The vote, which passed 93 to 17 to 5, comes amid growing concern in higher education over federal attempts to influence universities through funding cuts, visa revocations and attacks on diversity, equity and inclusion policies. However, the resolution passed by the UMD Senate is advisory only; final authority lies with university President Darryll Pines, who has not yet signed on.

If UMD joins, it will become one of nearly a dozen Big Ten institutions pledging to pool legal and financial resources to defend any member targeted by federal overreach. The compact was first introduced by Rutgers University's faculty senate in March in response to what its resolution called "legal, financial and political incursions" by the federal government.

"We are standing up for academic freedom, institutional integrity and important research," said Kim Coles, a faculty senator and English professor at UMD, in a statement to the Baltimore Banner. "Our only option, I think, is to lock arms and stand together."

Pines has expressed tentative support. He signed a collaborative statement through the American Association of Colleges and Universities that called for "constructive engagement with the federal administration." The letter, signed by college and university presidents across the country,

rejected "the coercive use of public research funding" and opposed "undue government intrusion" on college campuses. "I think it's important for higher education to speak with one voice," he told UMD's student publication, The Diamondback.

Although current UMD faculty from Greenbelt did not respond in time for a comment, Greenbelt resident and retired UMD professor Eric McKenzie, who taught at the university until 2018, said he was "glad to hear about the Senate's resolution vote," and that he hopes President Pines will sign off on the agreement.

As of now, UMD is not among the institutions that have received a letter from the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights threatening enforcement over campus antisemitism concerns. Still, faculty and students alike have emphasized the need for proactive solidarity.

Kyle Cassell, a senior government and politics major, expressed appreciation that his university is trying to be on the right side of history. "Columbia [University's] capitulation and Yale's intellectual exodus are hallmark signs of how quickly institutions can fall victim to authoritarian paranoia, but as

precedent shows, there needs to be a current of resistance for actual change to come," he said. "I'm happy to be part of a school actively resisting a dictator-in-progress. There's strength in numbers."

UMD's decision on whether to officially join the compact is still pending.

Diya Shah is a student at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism intern with the Greenbelt News Review.

## Bilingual Story Time At SHL Rec Center

On Friday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, RUAK (Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness) with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System will present engaging, lively stories and activities for young children and their caregivers to help build early literacy skills. This monthly program is an introduction to reading aloud to children as a way to instill the love of literature. After the readings, the children can stay and play with balls in the gym. There will be free children's books and free healthy, nutritious snacks.

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a) Certification of Election

b) Board Reorganization and Election of Officers

c) Code of Ethics Acknowledgment

d) Appointment of Complaints Panels

e) Designation of GDC Stockholders

f) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on April 17, 2025

g) 2025 GHI Board Meeting and Work Session Schedule June – December

h) Review End-of-Year Financials 2024

i) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on June\_\_\_\_, 2025

j) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on May 15, 2025

GDC Open Meeting – starts after GHI Open Meeting - open to members and visitors

a) Approve Minutes of the GDC Open Meeting Held on December 19, 2024

b) Review End-of-Year Financials 2024

GHI Open Meeting – starts after GHI Closed Meeting - open to members and visitors

a) Approve Minutes of the GHI Closed Meeting Held on April 17, 2025

b) Contract Matters

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Sports

ERHS Girls & Boys Lacrosse Teams Win League, County Championships

by Patrick Gleason



The Eleanor Roosevelt Raiders celebrate another county lacrosse title. They now look to obtain the region championship.

The league and county championship trophies have returned to Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) this spring for both the girls and boys lacrosse teams. The girls avenged their only regular season loss with a 6-3 victory over the CMIT North Tigers on Monday, May 5 at Laurel High School. The Raiders dropped a closely contested match over spring break to the Tigers while several members of the Raider roster traveled out of town. The Tigers maintained their ferocity from the first matchup as Roosevelt clung to a 4-3 lead entering the fourth quarter. Then, junior Isabelle Becraft asserted

herself as she has throughout the Raiders’ successful season. Becraft scored twice, while also enduring a rough foul near the goal, to solidify the county title for Coach Charles Mills and seniors Cora Moore and Claire Peña, who guided the Raiders along with junior Violet Stallings, while sisters Alena and Elisabeth Beckmann used their speed to support Becraft in the Roosevelt attack. Senior Christabel Ahaghotu solidifies the Raider defense in goal. The Raiders now turn to a region semi-final at home on Friday, May 9 with the region’s number one seed.

**Boys Team**  
The boys followed the girls’ triumph with energy – scoring early and often against the Gwynn Park Yellow Jackets. Senior Soren Bryan struck multiple times in the first period as the Raiders sprinted to a 7-1 lead, leaving no doubt, even as thunderstorms loomed. Senior Vishant Bhagat and junior Nicholas Brown added to the Raider attack that earned them a decisive victory before the storms curtailed the game. Coach Jeff Holmes will now prepare his squad for their regional semi-final, also this Friday, with hopes of a repeat as region champions.

**City Notes**  
Public Works assisted Four Cities partners, lending a bus for Berwyn Heights Day and hanging banners for College Park and New Carrollton. Environmental/ Sustainability held a recycling event and hosted several volunteer groups who removed invasive plants, installed native plants and removed litter. Information Technology participated in the Senior Tech Café.  
Facilities/Building Maintenance installed EV infrastructure at the police station and, at the Animal Shelter, painted the interior and installed flooring and a kennel.  
Horticulture/Parks inspected 15 playgrounds, Code Enforcement inspected 26 rental properties, Animal Control Services responded to 73 calls and Greenbelt Connection provided 130 rides.  
Arts, Recreation and Community Center staff presented a Chinese dance concert.  
Because a glass bottle was thrown over the fence, Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center staff had to drain, clean and refill the outdoor pool. Park Rangers surged Schrom Hills Park staffing around Senior Skip Day, diverting 60 teenagers.  
The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program gave a police academy presentation on hoarding and dementia for area first responders.

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# Girl Scouts Celebrate World Thinking Day in Greenbelt

by Eliana Young Wilson

On the afternoon of April 6, Girl Scouts of every age got together in the Youth Center gym to celebrate World Thinking Day. On this day, scout troops, who choose different countries to research and represent for the occasion, unite to share facts about the country that they picked, learn facts about other countries and participate in fun activities and Girl Scout traditions.

The celebration started off with a flag ceremony and then recognition of Girl Scouts who were receiving awards. Then came the flag parade, where every troop got to show off their country's flag.

After that, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) activities began. The many different activities troops could do included drawing with chalk about their experience in Girl Scouts to represent what's happening for Girl Scouts right now.

Next on the agenda was trying all the food that each troop prepared from their country. Many Girl Scouts love this part because they get to branch out and try a lot of different unique and fun foods and drinks from around the world while learning things about each place at the same time. At the Greenbelt gathering countries included Brazil, Poland, Australia, Japan and many more.

After the food tasting, Girl Scouts exchanged "Special What-chamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere" or SWAPS that they made, a tradition in Girl Scouts. For World Thinking Day the SWAPS were small crafts representing their troop's country. It was a chance to socialize and show off the handmade items, and a fun bonus was to try and collect one SWAP from every country.

The celebration ended with a closing ceremony, where everyone gets in a circle and squeezes people's hands until the squeeze goes around the entire circle. It's a fun Girl Scout tradition and brings a sense of unity and friendliness.

Girl Scout World Thinking Day is a great day to celebrate different countries, cultures, foods, and more, but it's also a great day to make new friends, have fun and learn how to be independent. It also teaches Girl Scouts about the importance of their voices, and how they can work to do what's right in their community. So next time you see a large gathering of Girl Scouts, know that we're working to change the world for the better, one step at a time.

*Eliana Young Wilson is a Greenbelt Girl Scout.*



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Greenbelt Girl Scout Troop 23010 represents Poland.



Girl Scouts participate in a flag ceremony. In the foreground holding the Polish flag are Eliana Young Wilson and Maeve Waters.



Dora McKenzie (12) and her parents recently installed this Little Free Library at the city playground with the basketball court by St. Hugh's Church. Dora chose it as her "passion project" for her class at Greenbelt Middle School. She did much of the work, including making plans, cutting the wood, using a power screwdriver, caulking and painting. She's very proud of her library, and it's seeing a lot of use.

# Spray Paint Draws a Crowd For May's Artful Afternoon

by Anna Bedford-Dillow



Shaymar Higgs, left, demonstrates spray painting techniques for Artful Afternoon participants.

On Sunday, May 4, Shaymar Higgs, executive director of The SPACE, hosted a spray-painting art workshop for this month's Artful Afternoon. Participants used water-based spray paint, stencils and found objects to create art on their canvases. They filled several tables on the Community Center lawn, enjoying a fortunate break in the rain. This was the third year that Higgs has

offered the spray-painting activity as an Artful Afternoon, and it was popular with residents of all ages.

Those who missed the workshop sessions on Sunday have a chance to participate in a second Artful Afternoon workshop this Sunday, May 11 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Sign up at [sugeni.us/VGWP](http://sugeni.us/VGWP).

# Golden Age Club Reaches 65, Celebrates Its Anniversary

by Mary Moien



Golden Age president Judy Parker, left, stops by the table with Sylvia Lewis and JoEllen Sarff.

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club has been in existence for more than 65 years; it is thought to be the oldest senior club in Prince George's County. On April 16, members celebrated their anniversary at the Holiday Inn in College Park. They enjoyed a great lunch, sang (a lot), danced (a little) and mingled from table to table. Thanks to Suzanne Sligh for taking the lead in planning this year's event.

The local quartet TGIF again put on a great show, playing and singing songs "from the 1950s and beyond." Some rowdy Golden Agers sitting closest to the entertainment sang loudly, linked arms and swayed to the music (who remembers Run Around Sue?). A few brave souls even took to the dance floor. Everyone arrived early and stayed late to laugh and chat with their Golden Age friends. It was a lovely day and a great banquet.



Two of the Golden Age Club's most active members, Jim and Suze Marley, wave to the camera.

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